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In response to the Final Rejection dated June 30, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated

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period for response to January 8, 2007 (January 6, 2007 being a Saturday). Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. Applicants appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the refusal to issue the above-referenced application. A check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the Notice of Appeal. Applicants also submit herewith a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

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